

VERA McILHARGIE

1898 - 1993

Retired area schoolteacher Vera E. McIlhargie, 95 of Huron Township, passed away Sunday, Sept. 28 at Sunny Acres Nursing Center near Bad Axe.

She was born Jan. 18, 1898 in Dwight Township near Kinde, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Arnott) Merrick. She and Arcie McIlhargie were married Aug. 2, 1921 in Saginaw. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1985.

Mrs. McIlhargie was a member of the Kinde First Presbyterian Church. She attended rural country schools in Dwight Township and graduated from Kinde High School in 1915.

She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan College, graduating cum laude in 1949.

Mrs. McIlhargie taught in various area rural schools, including the Eddy, Pinnebog, Weale, Kinde, Elkton and Bad Axe Schools, retiring in 1968.

Mrs. McIlhargie was a member of the Pinnebog Woman's Club, the Beta Chi Sorority, chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority and a lifetime member of the Huron County chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, National Education Association and the Michigan Education Association.

Her special interests included writing poetry, travel and knitting afghans.

She is survived by one son William (Jenny), of Port Austin; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Arlene) Peterson of Bad Axe and Mrs. Ardith Elliott of Kinde and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Gladys Chappel, Mae Lacie and Greta Merrick and a brother, Charles Merrick.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 30 at Kinde First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Matthew Ameson, pastor, officiated with burial in the Colfax Cemetery.

The MacAlpine Funeral Home, Gage Chapel in Kinde was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the church or the Michigan Heart Fund.